CLAIMS

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

5 1. A method comprising:

selecting a subset of a plurality of data objects based on a respective importance of each of the plurality of respective data objects, wherein the plurality of data objects are displayed in a main view; and

copying the subset to a peek view.

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- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the selecting is in response to a pull command at the peek view.
- 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the selecting further comprises: selecting the subset based on a size of the peek view.
- 4. The method of claim 1, further comprising: receiving an update to the plurality of data objects; and modifying the subset in the peek view based on the update.

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5. The method of claim 4, further comprising:

re-selecting the subset based on a change to the importance, wherein the receiving further receives the change to the importance.

25 6. An apparatus comprising:

means for receiving a plurality of data objects and a plurality of respective importance tags; and

means for selecting a subset of the plurality of data objects based on the importance tags and based on a peek view associated with a pull command.

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7. The apparatus of claim 6, further comprising:

means for copying the subset from a main view to the peek view.

8. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the means for selecting based on the peek view is further based on a size of the peek view.

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- 9. The apparatus of claim 7, further comprising:
- means for copying the subset from the peek view to the main view in response to a push command associated with the peek view.
- 10 10. The apparatus of claim 6, further comprising:
 - means for receiving an update to the plurality of data objects; and means for modifying the subset in the peek view based on the update.
- 11. A signal-bearing medium encoded with instructions, wherein the instructions whenexecuted comprise:
 - selecting a subset of a plurality of data objects in response to a pull command from a peek view, wherein the plurality of data objects are displayed in a main view; and copying the subset to a peek view.
- 12. The signal-bearing medium of claim 11, wherein the selecting further comprises: selecting the subset based on a plurality of importance tags associated with the respective plurality of respective data objects, wherein the respective importance tags specify a ranking of the plurality of respective data objects.
- 25 13. The signal-bearing medium of claim 12, wherein the selecting further comprises: selecting the subset based on the plurality of importance tags and a size of the peek view.
- 14. The signal-bearing medium of claim 11, further comprising:
 receiving an update to the plurality of data objects; and modifying the subset in the peek view based on the update.

- 15. The signal-bearing medium of claim 14, further comprising:

 modifying the plurality of data objects in the main view based on the update.
- 5 16. An electronic device comprising:
 - a processor; and
 - a storage device encoded with instructions, wherein the instructions when executed on the processor comprise:
- selecting a subset of a first plurality of data objects in response to a pull command from a peek view, wherein the first plurality of data objects are displayed in a main view,

copying the subset to a peek view,

replacing the first plurality of data objects in the main view with a second plurality of data objects,

receiving an update to the first plurality of data objects, and modifying the subset in the peek view based on the update.

- 17. The electronic device of claim 16, wherein the selecting further comprises:

 selecting the subset based on a plurality of importance tags associated with the
 respective first plurality of respective data objects, wherein the respective importance
 tags specify a ranking of the first plurality of respective data objects.
- 18. The electronic device of claim 17, wherein the selecting further comprises:
 selecting the subset based on the plurality of importance tags and a size of the
 peek view.
 - 19. The electronic device of claim 16, wherein the instructions further comprise:

 copying the subset back to the main view in response to a push command from the peek view.
 - 20. The electronic device of claim 16, wherein the instructions further comprise:

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	sorting data in the subset in the peek view based a sort rule associated with the
data.	